

Paper Topic #1: Substance Dualism

Write a 4-5 page critical paper on substance dualism. In this paper you need to

- present what you think is the strongest argument for dualism
- explain and evaluate at least one objection to the argument you pick
- explain and evaluate the problem mental causation poses for substance dualism
- finally, answer the question: is substance dualism true?

Be sure to carefully and charitably explain what the substance dualist believes about the nature of the mind and the nature of mental states. Any terms or principles need to be explained -- don't assume the reader is familiar with the theoretical terrain. You will not be graded for the view you end up defending, although you will be graded for the kind of reasoning you employ for the defense (e.g. "I know substance dualism is true/false because my heart tells me so" is not going to fly).

Also, please avoid: personal story time, long-winded introductions, and being a thesaurus-monger.

***** Due date: Tuesday, 8/19 *****